

How to get involved in the HSCB!

Attend a Monthly HSCB Meeting.
Join a workgroup.
Where do you want to make a difference?

- Transportation
- Foster care, Adoption, Kinship Services
- Substance Abuse
- Homelessness
- Healthy Youth
- Suicide Prevention
- Hunger
- Individuals with Disabilities
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- Community Data

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What's New in Livingston?

The Livingston County Master Plan

After considerable public participation, research and writing, the draft Livingston County Master Plan is concluding a period of public review and comment. The web-based master plan contains trends and best practices within each chapter, along with web links to resource materials.

Goals:

- A comprehensive policy document that guides the physical development of our community.
- A more collaborative planning and zoning environment in Livingston County.
- Guide the 20 municipalities of our County to be involved and engaged so that they can implement similar planning and zoning practices.

10 Subject Chapters:

- ◇ Land Use and Growth Management
- ◇ Natural Resources
- ◇ Parks & Recreation
- ◇ Agriculture and Rural Environment
- ◇ Economic Development
- ◇ Hazard Mitigation
- ◇ Transportation and Infrastructure
- ◇ Housing
- ◇ Social Equity
- ◇ Technology

The public hearing in consideration of plan adoption, will take place at the regularly scheduled October 17, 2018 meeting of the Livingston County Planning

Commission. To see the entire plan, please use the following link:

<https://www.livgov.com/plan/Documents/County%20Master%20Plan%202018.pdf>



Collaboration Works

Flexibility is critical when you are working with mother nature. That is exactly what was needed when the weather looked dangerous for the Annual Backpack and Connect for Kids Event in August. The outlook was storms including thunder and lightening. That did not stop the staff at LESA from moving 1,200 Backpacks from one end of the building to the other so that the Connect for Kid's vendors could all be brought inside. The entire reconfiguration required many hands and some really creative thinking.

Once all was said and done, the event went off perfectly as over 600 school aged kids were able to get their backpack and their families were able to connect with local agencies and access needed services.

The weather even gave us some breaks so families could wander around the outside trucks and get a meal.

Special thank you to all of the staff at LESA for your flexibility and "make it happen" attitude. Also thank you to the vendors who went from having outdoor space and spread out, to one table and 2 chairs.



You are amazing!

United Way's Day of Caring



August 15th, 2018, Livingston County became a destination for volunteers wanting to make a difference. It was the 17th Annual United Way Day of Caring.

Many counties attempt to find ways to bring their volunteers together for a county-wide event, but most are unsuccessful. Not in this county! Livingston County United Way pulled together 1,216 volunteers who helped to accomplish 130 different projects around our community.

There were parents with kids, entire staff from businesses, sports teams from our high schools and many individuals who came out to support their neighbors. It was a huge success!



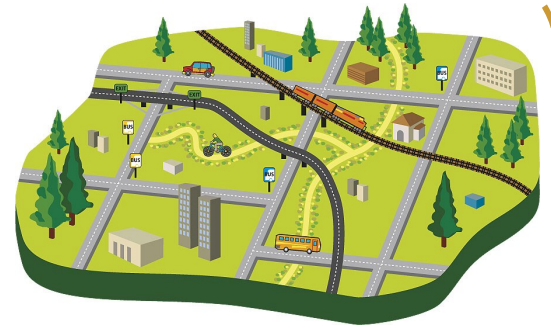
Collaboration Works!

Transportation Survey

In June, AECOM and MSK, two highly regarded consulting companies, were contracted by Livingston County to complete a broad-based Transportation plan that responds to the changing demographics and congestion, and to the need and wishes of our county residents. This study is long overdue.

Across the nation, mobility options like bike networks, express buses, streetcars and trains are providing new services and options that change the way of life in their communities. Seniors are more able to age in place. Mobility options attract young professionals who fuel economic growth. In many regions across the nation—from small cities to large—mobility options have become the norm. But this is not the case in Livingston County.

The Transportation Coalition is a group of about 100 organizations and individuals who are educating and advocating for bet-



ter and more transportation options. We would like to see a networks of bicycle trails for travel fitness and recreation, better dial-a-ride service to all corners of the county and other core needs for residents.

If you are interested in sharing your voice, please complete the following survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/livcotransit>

If you would like to become more involved in transportation discussions, you can join the Transportation Coalition by emailing leo.hanifin@udmercy.edu.

JETS Summer Program

Excel Employment Options is a nonprofit organization that provides job and volunteer opportunities to individuals with disabilities throughout the seasons.

In the summer of 2018, Excel was proud to partner with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS), Salvation Army, and Woodland Village. At Salvation Army, our consumers were able to volunteer for the Lunch Bunch Program. Through the Lunch Bunch Program our consumers packed lunches and other bags of goodies for students and families in need, as well as helping Salvation Army with regular duties like cleaning.

Next, at Woodland Village we learned new custodial skills. Participants cleaned windows, tables and chairs, laundry rooms, trash rooms, activity rooms, the chapel, apartments, and more in an assisted living facility. Additionally, we learned how to vacuum multiple types of carpet; and dust or sanitize objects. Moreover, the people at Woodland Village were very kind and generous, allowing our consumers to have snacks and coffee after they completed their work.

To learn more:

www.excelemp.org



Livingston County Community EXPO

Family Emergency Readiness EXPO 2018

Livingston County is Holding a FREE Educational/ Informational Family Emergency Readiness EXPO.

Event Includes:

- 16 Presenters—from personal safety to home safety
- FREE \$100 Shopping Spree Raffle
- FREE Red Cross Smoke detectors or Bed Shakers
- FREE coloring books for kids
- FREE tours of a helicopter, ambulance, fire truck, jet, tactical vehicle and more!
- Free materials to help people cope, survive and prevail over disaster

Please see www.readylivingston.org for more information



Event is Sept. 8th
from 9:30-3:30 at
the EMS Building
1911 Tooley Road

Stories of Hope

The Livingston County Literacy Coalition offers a free adult tutor program. Tutors are professionally trained and professionally matched to help learners achieve their own goals.

One of coalition's learners just informed us that she has completed her high school diploma. This is outstanding! She and her tutor have been meeting twice a week for sixteen months. She has been prepared, completing her assignments and committing to the work. She has been persistent and consistent, and just a joy to work with. The tutor will continue to work on reading and writing with her after she takes a break to relax and to enjoy her success. The tutor has no doubt that she would not have succeeded without the help of the Livingston County Literacy Coalition's adult tutor program, but also knows that the program has added value and depth to her learning experience through the staff's encouragement and support.

Senior Supports



Our county has a number of seniors who are choosing to age in place in their homes. This can often mean they and their caregivers need supports so that they can be successful on their own. Livingston County Catholic Charities is hosting some programs to support our local seniors.

- "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" is a series held at Be Our Guest Adult Day starting October 16th and runs for 6 weeks. This is for family caregivers. See www.livingstoncatholiccharities.org for more information.
- Annual Christmas Blessings project is a program that delivers food, paper products and more to home-bound and low income seniors for Christmas. If you are interested in hosting a food or paper product collection site, call Suzi at 517-546-9910.
- Medicare Part D Open Enrollment begins October 15th and runs through December 7. If you are a senior and need assistance completing the packet, contact Penny or Melodie at 517-545-5944 to schedule an appointment.

Choosing to prioritize learning is not easy for most people as life's activities keeps them busy enough. So when someone chooses to not only return to learning, but also to work hard enough to complete their HS Diploma, it is a significant achievement. One that should be celebrated! Success can be accomplished by a committed student and an energetic organization working together.

Livingston County Literacy Coalition offers flexible schedules. It is confidential and serves adults only. To learn more, call 810-522-8933 or visit www.livingstonliteracy.org.



Working with
my learner has
added to my
life.

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*Ensuring a system of support for
members of our community.*

What is the Purpose of the Livingston County HSCB?

The Livingston HSCB started in 1989 and was officially recognized as the county Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body by the state and county Board of Commissioners in 1995. Now, referred to as a Community Collaborative by the state, the HSCB is comprised of 26 appointed members that work together to coordinate health and human services across systems. The HSCB also:

- Develops strategies and programs to meet current and future needs
- Fiscally manages state-funded collaborative initiatives
- Monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of collaborative projects

The HSCB does this work through established committees and workgroups which have specific goals and objectives to complete. The HSCB and most workgroups meet monthly and consist of representatives from public and non-profit organizations, business, and interested residents of the county. To learn about the work of the HSCB, contact Anne Rennie at arennie@cmhliv.org.



Upcoming Events in Livingston

Work Skills 45th Anniversary

Work Skills will be celebrating their 45 year anniversary on September 11th at Studio West from 3-7. This will include the all abilities Art Event.

Accessible Voting Event

Join the Abilities Alliance as they hold the second Accessible voting event. Please come and get a chance to try the accessible voting machines. Event is September 11th, from 1-7 at LESA.

Volunteer Livingston's Cheer's to Volunteers Event

Join us for this Community wide Thank You! Event is September 13th from 5:30-7:30 at Mt Brighton
Contact 810-494-3000 for more information.

Pregnancy Help Clinic's 8th Annual Chocolate Walk!

This annual event is a wonderful fundraiser and fun to attend! The event is September 15th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in Downtown Howell. For more information, <http://runforthierlives5c.com>.

Child Hunger and Educational Success

Join the Livingston County Hunger Council as they bring together supports for children's hunger. 1 in 9 kids in Livingston County go to school hungry. The discussion is to identify supports for this county need. The meeting is October 2nd from 6-8 at 2/42 Community Church.

"Intelligent Lives" Viewing

The Arc is holding a screening of "Intelligent lives" at the Howell Theatre. The Event is October 6th and begins at 1 pm with a reception before the movie and a panel discussion after. For more information—
<http://www.arclivingston.org/tickets/>.

LACASA's Denim and Diamonds Event

October 13th from 5:30-10 pm at Cross W. Ranch. Tickets are \$100.
Contact 517-548-1350 for more information.

The 25th Annual Arc Fashion Show

The Fashion Show is on November 15th at Crystal Gardens. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner is served at 7. Tickets are \$80. Event includes fashion show, live auction and a jewelry raffle.

Homeless Awareness Week

Keep an eye out for all of the wonderful events for Homelessness Awareness Week which is November 12th—16th.



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